

FIRST AUTHORITATIVE STORY OF PRESIDENT CARRANZA'S DEATH

FORMAL INVESTIGATION SHOWS HE WAS SHOT BY MEN PLEDGED TO DEFEND HIM—HERRERO HAD SWORN HIS ALLEGIANCE.

Mexico City, May 26.—(By the A. P.)—Formal investigation for the purpose of clarifying the part taken in the death of President Carranza both by Colonel Rodolfo Herrero and members of the Carranza party, is recommended by the commission of four named by Generals Obregon and Gonzales to inquire into the tragedy at Tlaxcalantongo.

The commission submitted its report last night and cited ten points which the members had agreed had been proven from the stories of witnesses. It was added that in a number of points many other stories purporting to tell the actual circumstances could not be confirmed and were unworthy of credence.

The commissioners' report which is the first authoritative story of the death of Carranza, may be summarized as follows:

"Colonel Herrero joined the Carranza party at Puebla, state of Puebla, on May 20, following a conference with General Francisco Del Mar, to whom he surrendered last night. Herrero pledged allegiance anew and promised to defend Carranza. This promise was accepted by General Del Mar, who told the fugitive president that Carranza was willing to fight for him. General Del Mar then left the Carranza party and did not go to Tlaxcalantongo.

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CLEMENCEAU TALKS ON PACT

Paris, May 26.—Light is thrown on the financial side of the Versailles treaty by an interview with Georges Clemenceau, former French premier, secured by Alfred Capus, editor of the Gaulois, and published in that newspaper today.

"Several persons know," said the former premier, "that in the peace conference discussion of a fixed indemnity lasted for three weeks. We should not forget that a fixed sum for indemnity was the Anglo-American idea from the very beginning and that our allies never abandoned this viewpoint. They even made a most careful valuation of the sum Germany could pay, which was exactly 75,000,000 marks in all.

"Out of our share we would have to pay for the reconstruction of devastated regions and I need not tell you we could not agree to such a solution. Discussion was long and arduous because the Anglo-American idea as to Germany's powers of paying was firmly rooted but finally an agreement was effected and that agreement was embodied in the treaty of Versailles."

CLAIM FORECLOSURE.

The foreclosure of a mortgage for \$850 on land in Danbury owned by James Henry Townsend is claimed in an action brought to the June term of the Court of Common Pleas by Emma A. Seabury of Union Course, Long Island.

Urge Strike Action Despite All Warnings

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 26.—Delegates were widely divided on the question of disposition of the anthracite wage controversy when the tri-district convention was opened here today. Widespread dissatisfaction over the proposals to either submit the dispute to presidential commission or to accept the contract prepared by Secretary Wilson continued and there was nothing to indicate what would be the final action of the delegates.

Despite the warning of President Wilson and the counsel of their officials, a small minority of the delegates were urging a strike action. Union leaders, however, expressed confidence that they could control the situation and prevent any movement to authorize direct action.

Sentiment was developing among the delegates today to reject both proposals and send an ultimatum back to the operators in the form of a minimum contract. If this contract is rejected it is proposed to order the matter placed in the hands of a commission.

Delegates from several local unions announced that they would demand that the propositions be submitted to a referendum vote of the mine workers.

SENATOR GLASS OPPOSES BONUS

Says Millions of Ex-Soldiers Never Got To Europe.

Bristol, Va., May 26.—Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, former Secretary of the Treasury, stated he was opposed to "an indiscriminate bonus to ex-soldiers" in a letter to W. O. Came, vice president of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, answering a message in which the chamber urged that the senator oppose the present soldier relief bill.

In his letter Senator Glass stated: "You may be sure that I have not the slightest intention of voting for the bonus for ex-soldiers and sailors. The government of the United States should be not only just but generous to the last degree in its attitude toward those men who were disabled in the service or whose health was impaired and also to the dependents of those other brave men who lost their lives in the war; but in these days of readjustment with the people bearing the most extraordinary tax burdens since the world was created, I think it would be a frightful misuse and abuse of power for Congress to vote an indiscriminate bonus to able-bodied ex-soldiers, millions of whom did not get within 3,000 miles of Europe. At all events I shall not be a party to imposing any such additional burden upon the people."

1,200 BREWERY WORKERS STRIKE

Newark, N. J., May 26.—Approximately 1,200 brewery workers in this city, Jersey City, Paterson, Elizabeth and Harrison, including brewers, bottlers, engineers, machinists and firemen, went on strike today because the New Jersey Brewers' association had rejected their demands for wage increases ranging from \$6 to \$10.

Members of the association declare it is impossible to grant the increases under present conditions. One large brewer here said the increases could not be taken from the profits of the brewers "because since prohibition there are no profits." The only alternative he said, is to close the plants.

Washington, May 26.—The meeting of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called to consider President Wilson's request that he be authorized to accept a mandate over Armenia was postponed because of the inability of Secretary Coby to attend.

REFeree HEARS DIVORCE PLEAS

Judge Milton A. Shumway, sitting as state referee in the Superior Court, heard the action of Amos Barret Mead of Milford, against Ethelyn Tribble Mead. The action was divorce on statutory ground and the defendant has put in a counter bill which was heard at the same time.

In the divorce action of Harold C. Lane against Mabel L. Lane, the plaintiff failed to appear before Judge Shumway today and the judge heard the counter petition and intimated that he would recommend that the defendant be granted a divorce on the ground of desertion.

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\$59,610 Is Palmer Total

Carlin Frequently Interrupted By Questions.

Washington, May 26.—Contributions to the fund for Attorney General Palmer's campaign for the Democratic nomination for president were placed today at \$59,610 by former Representative C. C. Carlin of Virginia, his campaign manager.

The largest contributor was James McCune Guffey, of Pittsburgh, who gave \$10,000, and who was identified as an oil man and prominent in Democratic politics in Pennsylvania. The next largest contributor was former Federal Judge J. Harry Covington, treasurer of the Palmer organization, who gave \$2,000. Mr. Carlin said.

Frank L. Crocker of New York also gave \$2,500, the witness said. Mr. Carlin read from a list of contributors and frequently was interrupted by questions.

Resuming his reading, Mr. Carlin said John F. Crosby of Hartford, gave \$1,000; O. Michaels, \$1,500; William C. Devitt, Pennsylvania \$1,000; F. J. Barrow New York City, \$500; W. H. Caldwell, \$500; Robert Law, Jr., New York City, \$1,000; F. P. Garlin, assistant attorney general \$1,000.

BOARD CONSIDERS WAGE DEMANDS

Trolley Men Will Go on Working Pending Settlement.

New Haven, Conn., May 26.—Members of the joint conference board of the Trolley Men's Union of the Connecticut Company's system met with John K. Punderford, Vice President and General Manager, today, to formally take up consideration of wage schedules and working conditions asked by the men of the company. The present wage scale is a graduated one based on length of service and other conditions, from 44 to 50 cents an hour. Local conditions have also had a bearing upon the compensation men have received.

The trolley men have asked for a general scale of 75 cents an hour, irrespective of whether an employee is a new or a veteran one. The new wage scale desired would cover the entire system. The present agreement will expire June 1. Since it was drawn the public service vehicle and the one-man safety car, so-called, have come into use, the former to an increasingly large extent, and the latter to a considerable number in the cities. Some local unions are anxious to have the compensation for motor men-conductors fixed at \$1 an hour, but by reason of the amount of work involved under the new zone system.

Opinions and desires of local unions went to the joint conference board which, it is understood has made a definite demand. Just what the terms in it are has not been officially stated. Discussions are expected to extend through at least a fortnight, and while they are on it is not expected that any statement will be given out officially. The first session today was a preliminary one when it was understood the board's demand upon the company was presented in a form upon which the conference could be begun. The trolley men are continuing working after June 1 as at present leaving all negotiations with the board.

\$1,000 IN PRIZES FOR CONTEST

It was announced at the Chamber of Commerce rooms this morning that the first inspection by the Neighborhood Improvement Committee would not be made until the week of June 1. Everybody wishing to enter the contest for the \$1,000 in prizes given by the Chamber should make or deliver in person their entry blanks on or before June 1. Cards received after that date will not be considered in the contest. It is also necessary that the cards be marked showing in what class the contestant wishes to enter. Entry blanks and further particulars may be secured at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the First-Bridgeport National Bank building.

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MORTON ESTATE TO FAMILY

No Charitable Bequests Made By Ex-Vice President.

Washington, May 26.—An estate estimated at \$10,000,000, is disposed of in the will of Levi P. Morton, former vice president of the United States, which was filed in the federal district court here today for probate. The document was executed June 23, 1910, and was modified by codicils of March 30, 1911; June 4, 1911, and June 24, 1911. Mr. Morton died recently at his home near Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at the age of 96 years.

Charles H. Allen of Lowell, Mass., Morton Minot of Brockport, N. Y., and Bronson Winthrop of New York city, are named as executors and they with the American Security & Trust Co. of this city, will act as trustees of the estate.

Mrs. Martha Morton Hartpence of Philadelphia, a sister of the testator, is given a life annuity of \$2,000 and the sum of \$1,200 annually is to be paid to Mrs. Caroline Lay, a sister-in-law of Mr. Morton. A life annuity of \$720 is to be paid to Mr. Morton's butler and Morton's personal servants and furniture are to be distributed among his children.

Morton C. Piusis, a grandson, is given the silver writing set and candidate for the Senate on the expiration of his term as vice president, and to his "eldest grandson" is left the testimonial set of silver presented by the banking institutions of New York in 1863.

The remaining estate is bequeathed to the trustees, one share to be held in trust for each of the surviving daughters, Mrs. William C. Eustis, Mrs. Helen Morton and Miss Mary Morton, and one share to be distributed among children of Mrs. Winthrop Rutherford, a sister of the deceased.

MAYOR STILL DELAYS SIGNING

City Attorney Has No Official Notice of Salary Grab.

So far Mayor Wilson has not signed the ordinance that calls for an annual salary of \$900 for members of the Board of Aldermen. The mayor has not taken the matter up with City Attorney Comley, according to the city attorney this morning, who said if it hadn't been for the newspapers he would not have known anything about it. Mr. Comley would not express an opinion on the ordinance, saying that he has not been asked by anyone except the newspapers and he was under no obligation when he had not been officially notified of such an ordinance.

Alderman and Attorney Edward J. McManus says that unless the move is made to have the new ordinance question taken up under the home rule act, no public hearing on the salary ordinance will be held. No formal protest or request that the question be taken up has been filed yet, according to the alderman.

LAST HONORS PAID MRS. WREN

Attended by many sorrowing friends and relatives the funeral of Mrs. Hannah Carey Wren, wife of Peter W. Wren was held at the home of the late residence, 484 State street, at 8:30 o'clock. A solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Augustine's church at 9 o'clock by the Rev. James B. Nihil pastor. Assistant Father Nihil in the celebration of the mass was Rev. James C. O'Brien of Stamford as deacon, and Rev. George J. Donahue sub-deacon. Rev. R. J. Bowen was master of ceremonies. Rev. Dr. R. W. Moore, Rev. Charles Leddy and Rev. Joseph A. Ganley were present in the sanctuary. Joseph B. Hartigan and Dr. John Callahan were ushers. The bearers were Charles G. Sanford, DeVer's Warner, Thomas Cullinan, John M. Carey, Lawrence Phelan and John A. Hurley, Jr. Interment was in the family plot in St. Michael's cemetery. Father Nihil, assisted by Father O'Brien, Father Leddy and Father Bowen, conducted the committal services.

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PLAINTIFF GETS \$1,000 JUDGMENT

Judge John J. Walsh, who heard the action of David Schneiderman against Anna Nichols, has rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$1,000.

The plaintiff's claim that he bought a Hudson car from William Nichols, the husband of the defendant, for \$850 and a Hubmobile Roadster, valued at \$450, and that it was afterwards shown the Hudson car had been stolen in New York, was sustained by Judge Walsh, who states in the memorandum of judgment that the agency of the husband was admitted in the course of the trial and that the defendant had refused to return the Hubmobile to the plaintiff.

FINED \$50.

When he attempted to peddle fruit without a license, yesterday afternoon, Mena Zanello, of 69 Ash street was arrested for violating the city ordinance. In the City Court this morning he was fined \$50 and costs.

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The railroad situation is also clearing up and much coal is expected in a few days.

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